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NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dean Roberts

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As many of you are aware I've been planning to retire, or at least be (1 week on, 3 weeks off) semi retired by now. A few of my friends, and definitely my family, made a bet that this wouldn't happen.



The whole Covid thing has put it back a bit, so I'm not at the stage of retirement that I had hoped. I have managed to get about 1 week in 4 off, so at least that's a start.

I have often be told that "you will be busier in retirement than when you were working" - so with cramming three weeks of retirement into one week I am definitely busier.

Some of the jobs to do in retirement:

1. Build a Burtz Model A Engine - Not started
2. Major overhaul of my Fordor Model A - Not started.
3. Work in the garden more - Started
4. Spend more time doing car-related things - This one is definitely started.

On behalf of the CMC, I have taken on coordinating with Premier Events, who are running this years "Perth Classic Car Show" for the CMC. The show will be held on the 1st of May at Ascot.

With the work the CMC is doing with Premier Events, the Perth Classic Car Show should get bigger and better every year.

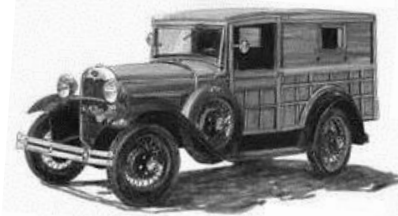
As part of my role, I am looking for volunteers to act a marshals to assist in the move-in of cars through 3 entry points. This request has gone out to all clubs attending, but it would be great if there were a couple from our club to help me.

By the way, my retirement list was a lot, lot longer but the editor (Ed: not me!) got to it.

Hope to see you at Daniel's for the movie night and then at the Car Show.

Stay Safe

Dean



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SECRETARY COMMENTS

Toni Mahony

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Very little has come my way over the past month or so. Kathleen reports that she is slowly being allowed to lower her foot, which occasionally allows her to move and get to her computer. Keep up the good work, madam Secretary!!

We continue to need volunteers for runs or events for the rest of the year, so please get these to Ray Mahony if you can oblige. April is free if anyone can find a spare day. May is taken care of now. A club such as ours is only as good as its voluntary workforce, which should spread the width of the club. Try and do your bit if you can.

Bear in mind, although a few months off yet, that the AGM will be upon us soon-enough. A call to those who would put their hand up to take on a position for the sake of the club. Some have held the current positions for a very good long while and may appreciate a break, so give it a thought, talk to the current incumbent for some idea of the demands of the job.

Over to you!!

Toni

New members: A big welcome to our 2 new members, Cara and Teneille Jeffree, who are the daughters of Darren and Germaine. Cara and Teneille are the 3rd generation of the Jeffree family to be current members.



April Birthdays

Ron Andrews	Toni Mahony
David Bussard	Jean Misko
Ellie Davidson	Gary Moore
Darryl Freind	Maureen Oulaghan
Gary Knight	Terry Redman
Ray Mahony	

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EDITOR COMMENTS

Ian Steer

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New Impromptu Run Log form

The new impromptu run web-based form is now active. Points to note:

- The new form is found on the main menu of our club website (modelafordclub.com.au)
- The new form has all the new information wanted by the Department of Transport
- You do not need to login to enter an impromptu run (like you've had to previously)
- Delete any bookmarks etc to the old website (<http://marc.carclub.com.au/>) as it no longer works

Model A's Changing Hands ?

Most of us are interested in knowing about Model A's that have changed hands, or of cars that are new to the state. So if you hear of anything along these lines, let your editor know so he can pop it in the next newsletter and share the news with everyone.



Sydney Harbour Bridge toll booth—found in a photo album in Christchurch, NZ



HA Cork & Harry Nancarrow. C 1937.

Also from NZ

EVENTS COORDINATOR

Ray Mahony

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**You will note that there is a lack of events coming up.
Come on people - we need members to organise events.**

April

Event: MARC WA BBQ & Movie Night ("Tucker - The Man and his Dreams")

Date: Saturday 9th April

Details: BBQ and meeting 5pm. Movie starts approx. 7pm

Location: Daniel's house, 9 Brae Road, High Wycombe

Organiser: Daniel Pinnington

Daniel will supply the meat. Bring your own salad, drinks and chairs.

Please let Daniel know if you are coming as soon as you can so he can get the right amount of meat (daniel.p@efficientchips.com or phone/text to 0400 132 445)

May

Event: Perth Classic Car Show

Date: Sunday 1st May

Time: Further details to be advised.

****Please let Ian Steer know if you are planning to attend****

(Currently: Steer, Paisley, Ten Bokkel, N.Roberts, D.Roberts, Pinnington, Moore, Misko, Major (x2?), Mahony (x2?))

Location: Ascot Racecourse

Organiser: Ian Steer

Event: MARC WA Club Run & Meeting

Date: Sunday 15th May

Details: Details to be advised.

Organiser: Toni Mahony

August

Event: MARC WA Gymkhana

Date: Sunday 7th August

Time: Further details to be advised.

Location: Stoneville (probably)

Organiser: Andrae & Gary Moore

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EVENTS COORDINATOR (CONT)

Ray Mahony

September

Event: 27th Model A National Meet
Date: 11th-17th September, 2022
Location: Goulburn, New South Wales
Details: [Model A Ford Club of NSW National Meet web page](#)
[National Meet Official Booking Form](#)
National Meet newsletter#3 <https://bit.ly/nat-meet-newsletter3>
Organiser: Model A Ford Club of New South Wales

New
newsletter

Event: "Red Dust Revival" (Lake Perkolilli)
Date: 19th to 25th September
Details: Latest newsletter: <https://bit.ly/perkolilli2>
Location: Lake Perkolilli

Monthly

Event: LBW (Leeming, Bullcreek, Willetton) Coffee Run
Date: 1st Tuesday of every month (except January)
Time: 10am
Location: RAAFA Club, Air Force Memorial Estate, 2 Bull Creek Drive, Bull Creek
Organiser: Steve Seddon (VCC)

SLOW SEA FREIGHT WARNING

Henry's Model T & A Parts are advising that sea freight is taking about 4 months, so get your orders in now for anything needed for the National Meet in September!



Cara & Darren Jeffree at White Gum Air Park (see next page)

WHITE GUM AIR PARK RUN

Daniel Pinnington



A group of 7 Model A's, and Trevor Pinnington in his Tesla, met at Stirling Square Guildford for a run to White Gum Air Park, which is located approximately 20ks East of York. We set off on time at 8:30am as we had a guided tour booked on the farm at 11am to inspect two decommissioned Boeing 737 planes that the owners are in the process of setting up for tourism.

Darren & Germaine Jeffree's daughter, Cara, drove the Woody the entire distance - with hitchhiker Ron Andrews in the back.

We made it there with about half an hour to spare despite hitting a bit of rain and a corrugated dusty road into the farm. At the farm we were met by the Peppers and Bristow-Staggs in their moderns.

The tour was extremely informative and conducted by one of the owners, Mary. She explained that the planes had been sitting dormant at Perth Airport for about 8 years following Ozjet going into liquidation. She and her husband Andrew

(both pilots) thought it would be a great idea to take them to their farm which was being used for aviation purposes anyway. Mary and Andrew worked on the planes for 4 and a half years on the tarmac just to get them in a state to be able to be transported - removing the wings and engines, draining the fuel etc. The planes arrived onsite approximately 12 months ago and they are in the process of fitting them out for tourist accommodation.

Following the tour, we had lunch on their neighbour's property that has a tavern, camping ground and 4WD track. It's quite an impressive setup that both of the families have created and is still relatively unknown by most people.



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WHITE GUM AIR PARK RUN (CONT)

Daniel Pinnington



Inspecting the 737s



Lunch outside the tavern next door



5 GENERATIONS OF MODEL A'S

Alan Jeffree and Anne Steer

Last November, at the club Gymkhana, we were treated to a fine display of driving by Cara Jeffree aged just 17, who together with her Dad Darren, took out the trophy as winners.

It had been a long time since we had seen a Model A displaying P Plates!

On March 20th Daniel organised a club run to White Gum Air Park, east of York, a distance of 108kms from Guildford. Cara not only drove to White Gum Park, with Darren and Ron Andrews as passengers, but was the driver for the return drive. It was a drive along hilly and windy bitumen, which then turned into quite corrugated gravel for the last 10-15 kms.

It was great to see the big smile on Cara's face, having completed the drive. A gutsy effort!

This led us to think of Model A's within families in our club, where children have been immersed in the Model A's since birth. And where this immersion has grown into an interest which has continued on into adulthood, middle-age and even retirement.

The Jeffree Family can proudly acclaim to having 5 generations who have been involved with Model A's.



Generation 5 - Cara. Note the green P plate



Generation 4 - Darren 1968

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5 GENERATIONS OF MODEL A'S (CONT)



● ● School teacher Allan Jeffree with his 1928 Ford A sedan which he restored after four-and-a-half years of painstaking work. He started with the battered hulk of a utility and scoured the State for components to complete the job. He values his gleaming green and black vehicle at about \$1200 to \$1400 on the open market but it is worth much more than that to him.

Generation 3 - Alan in Mandurah 1970-71. Restoration just completed and painted in Torana racing green!!



Generations 1 and 2 - Norman and Bert Jeffree.

Alan's father, Norman Jeffree, standing next to his Grandfather's, (Bert Jeffree) Model A Phaeton which was bought new in 1928. He owned it up to 1937, whilst living in Jardee. It was bought from winnings of a card game!

Next issue - 4 generations of Model A's in Edith's family.

TECHNICAL TIP

Ian Steer

Do you have trouble installing the newer, stiffer rear brake springs - especially with the emergency brake backing plate installed ? I certainly did (and was reminded of this when I found only one new spring, and 3 old springs when I had my rear brakes apart recently. Last time, I had obviously decided after the first new spring that it was way too hard, and re-installed the 3 other old springs).

However, by sacrificing a 4mm flat blade screwdriver, I have made a tool that makes it a piece of cake.



First, grind and/or file a groove on the end of the screwdriver.



Next, snip a bit of the return off one end of the spring.



Then slip the clipped end of the spring on the shaft of the screwdriver, rest the grooved end of the screwdriver on the pin and straighten the screwdriver up. The end of the spring will slide down towards the pin. Use a second screwdriver to push it the final distance over the end of the pin.

BROOKTON PICNIC RUN

Anne Steer

COVID 19 claimed another victim when the Brookton Old Time Motor Show got cancelled for 2022. The decision was made due to the rising numbers of COVID cases, and the associated risk to the safety of the community, the volunteers and businesses.

Peter Sartori has regularly organized a run each year to the show, and a number of members speak very highly of what a great show Brookton puts on.

With the cancellation for 2022, Peter and Daniel thought it might be an idea to see if anyone was interested in just 'going for a run to Brookton' regardless of the lack of Motor Show. A drive in the country, a picnic and then a drive back to the city. Fun! The forecast for Sunday, 26th March, started off quite grim, then it improved, then it deteriorated and finally it seemed quite reasonable. Ian and I were especially pleased that the forecast for heavy rain had improved, as our Model A currently lacks a back window.



6 vehicles duly assembled at Karragullen around 8am on the Sunday morning. Daniel and Erica, Peter Lynch and Archie (a very cute cavoodle) and ourselves, all in A's, with Peter and Ian Paisley in Peter's XL Falcon, Alan and Edith in the EJ Holden and John Moorehead in his FB Holden.

We stopped for a coffee break at a spacious truck bay, and then drove to town.

The main street of Brookton was deserted! Not a soul to be seen.

Nevertheless, there is a lovely old railway station and adjacent to that is a well-manicured garden complete with pond, gazebo and seating for our smallish group.

The weather held-out for us - thankfully! Peter L. tinkered with the timing on his A, while Archie joined the rest of us for a relaxed and enjoyable lunch.



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BROOKTON PICNIC RUN (CONT)

Anne Steer



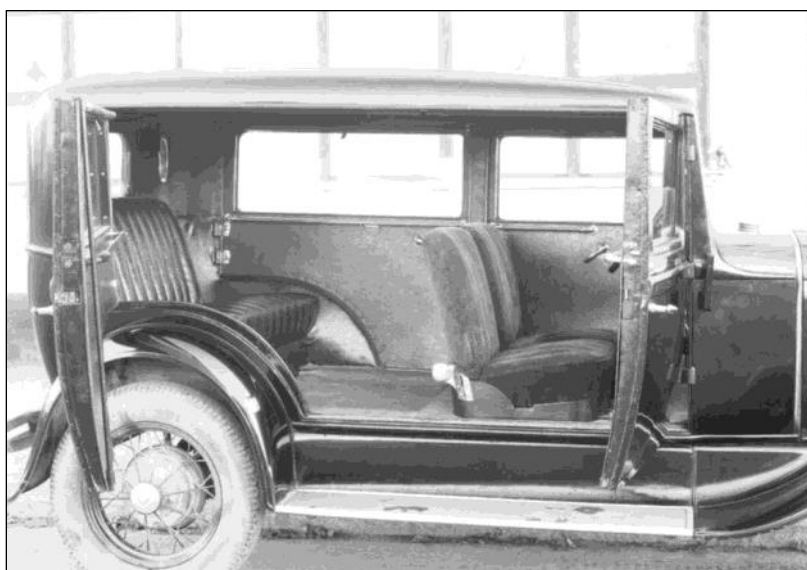
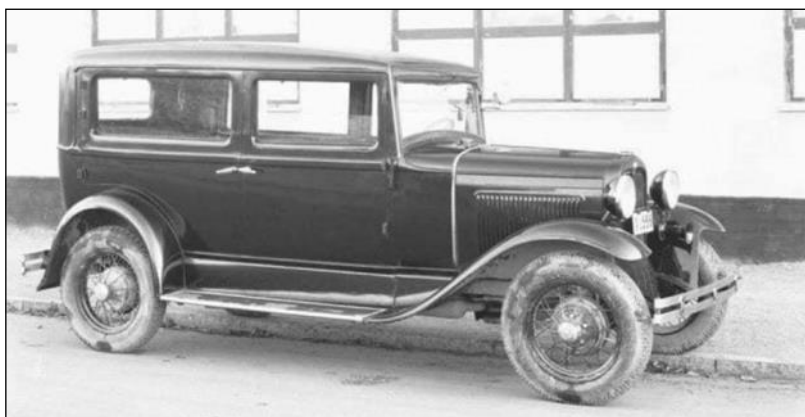
There wasn't a lot more to be 'done' in Brookton, so we all had quite an early start back to Perth. John, and both Peters were in front of us as we headed home, with Alan and Daniel behind us.

It was a pleasant drive home. Ian and I were, however, puzzled why neither Daniel, nor Alan had caught up to us or were even vaguely in sight. After all, they were both much more capable of higher speed than Ian's A.

It wasn't until we had reached home and were checking the nightly emails that we received the news. The message read "Timing gear 100ks from Perth", with 3 associated photos. Ah, so THAT'S why neither Alan or Daniel had caught up to us!



AN UNUSUAL MODEL A



Contributed by "internet trawler extraordinaire" Ron Andrews. Ron's comments: I presume it is an ambulance or for patient transfer. There would be a lot of weight on the rear hinges but it does appear to have a substantial latch on the rear door.

KENTUCKY FRIED MODEL A



Contributed by John Moorehead. John's comments:

It is Colonel Sanders as I can remember him in Perth at the official opening of the first KFC in WA. It was in 1969 at the KFC outlet on North Lake Road near Canning Highway. I do not know if it was his vehicle or a publicity shot.

Some companies (including my workplace) received notification of the KFC opening. I believe that the Melville Council were not happy with the red/white colour scheme of the building. The Melville district was an East Fremantle Football Club district and the club colours were blue and white. Red and white were South Fremantle club colours. This was of course prior to the formation of the AFL.

WANTED

A pair of **top clamping brackets to suit a roadster**. They come in left and right hand and I need both as these have been butchered over the years.

I'm interested in singles if that is all that you have.

I'm also chasing a **roadster front bow** or any parts of that.

Ron Andrews

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MARC APRIL ACTIVITIES IN YEARS GONE

10 Years Ago: Allan Jeffree's President's Report covered the success of the Ipswich National Meet.

20 Years Ago: John Laurie's write-up of the run to the Brookton Old Time Motor Show. Minutes of what must have been a record quick club meeting chaired by Max Annear - all over in 15 minutes! Part 1 of the Mahony's travel diary to the Toowoomba National Meet.

30 Years Ago: Perth's National Meet just about to start. This bit of gossip: *"Who is the Maddington mechanic who was fed up with people speeding past his workshop so he asked the police to set up a radar trap? Guess who was one of the first people they caught? You got it in one!!"*

40 Years Ago: A note about visits from 2 different groups of eastern states visitor's in Model A's.

MURPHY'S LAWS:

The following is taken from Early Auto, June 2000, page 15:

- The nut or bolt which is the most difficult to reach will always be stripped or seized.
- Nothing is ever put back together in the reverse of the way it is dismantled.
- No matter how rare the accessory, there is always someone's uncle who had one just like it.
- No matter what fails on your car, there is always someone who knew it would.
- The later you leave for home after a Rally, the greater the chance of failure of the lighting system.
- Carrying an extra set of plugs, points, coil and condenser will inevitably result in rupture of the lower radiator hose.
- When you double-check everything prior to a run, you stand a greater chance of running out of petrol.
- The probability of a car starting is inversely proportional to the number of people standing around watching.



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